



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Cleveland, OH

Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5105)

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA selected the City of Cleveland for a Brownfields Pilot. This Pilot award was preceded by the Cuyahoga County Brownfields Pilot of the greater Cleveland area. Due to the efforts of the Cuyahoga County Brownfields Working Group, there is now growing interest and activity in redeveloping older portions of the city. The City of Cleveland will build on the Cuyahoga County Pilot's successes and continue revitalization efforts through a new Pilot project on the west side of the city.

The target area is located in a region that represents one-fifth of the city's total manufacturing employment base. Of the households in this region, 27 percent have annual incomes less than \$10,000, and unemployment has reached 12 percent as the manufacturing base continues to erode. The Pilot will focus its efforts on two areas: the Stockyards neighborhood and the Western-Elmwood-Berea area.

OBJECTIVES

A primary objective for the city is to create at least 10 new jobs for every brownfield acre redeveloped. As a first step in this effort, Pilot funding will be used to assess environmental contamination on seven

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Cleveland, Ohio

Date of Award: September 1998

Amount: \$200,000

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sites within the targeted area. From these initial investigations, the Pilot expects to develop cleanup and redevelopment plans for approximately three of these sites. The Pilot will conduct community outreach activities to inform residents in brownfields communities about Pilot activities and to solicit their input.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Pilot has:

- Formed a working group of a variety of stakeholders, including city, county, state, developer, and neighborhood representatives;
- Compiled an inventory of 16 brownfields properties; and
- Targeted seven high-priority brownfields properties for further investigation.

The Pilot is:

- Performing Phase I and II environmental assessments on seven priority sites;
- Holding community outreach meetings designed to update affected neighborhoods about Pilot activities and to solicit residents' input; and
- Developing site cleanup and redevelopment feasibility plans.

LEVERAGING OTHER ACTIVITIES

Experience with the Cleveland Pilot has been a catalyst for related activities, including the following:

- Cleanup activities, including tire removal, have begun at the Stockyard Area 13 property. The city provided a \$6,000 grant toward cleanup of this site, which in turn leveraged an additional \$300,000 in private investments.